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For: SUTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS

Examiner: Michael G. Mendoza

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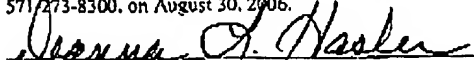
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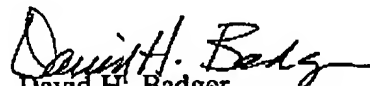
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the current status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on February 5, 2004, and, to date, Applicant has not yet received a first action on the merits.

Please advise the undersigned when this application will be examined.

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